

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A set of nucleic acids comprising:
a first pair of primers, each containing an oligo-nucleotide selected from the hemagglutinin-neuraminidase gene region of human parainfluenza virus 2, and
a second pair of primers, each containing an oligo-nucleotide selected from the hexon gene region of adenovirus, and
a third pair of primers, each containing an oligo-nucleotide selected from the non-structural protein 2 gene region of respiratory syncytial virus,
wherein each oligo-nucleotide has 14-40 nucleotides in length.

2. (Currently amended) The set of nucleic acids of claim 1, further comprising:
a ~~third~~ fourth pair of primers, each containing an oligo-nucleotide specific for human parainfluenza virus 1;
a ~~fourth~~ fifth pair of primers, each containing an oligo-nucleotide specific for human parainfluenza virus 3;
~~a fifth pair of primers, each containing an oligo-nucleotide specific for respiratory syncytial virus;~~
a sixth pair of primers, each containing an oligo-nucleotide specific for influenza virus A;
or
a seventh pair of primers, each containing an oligo-nucleotide specific for influenza virus B;
or a combination thereof.

3. (Currently amended) The set of nucleic acids of claim 2, wherein
the ~~oligo-nucleotides in the third~~ ~~fourth~~ pair of primers are selected from the
hemagglutinin-neuraminidase gene region of human parainfluenza virus 1,
the ~~oligo-nucleotides in the fourth~~ ~~fifth~~ pair of primers are selected from the
hemagglutinin-neuraminidase gene region of human parainfluenza virus 3,
~~the oligo-nucleotides in the fifth pair of primers are selected from the non-structural~~
~~protein 2 gene region of respiratory syncytial virus,~~
the oligo-nucleotides in the sixth pair of primers are selected from the non-structural
protein gene region of influenza virus A, and
the oligo-nucleotides in the seventh pair of primers are selected from the hemagglutinin-
neuraminidase gene region of influenza virus B.

4. (Currently amended) The set of nucleic acids of claim 1, wherein
the oligo-nucleotides in the first pair of primers are, respectively, SEQ ID NOS:5 and 7,
or SEQ ID NOS:6 and 7; and
the oligo-nucleotides in the second pair of primers are, respectively, SEQ ID NOS:24 and
26, SEQ ID NOS:24 and 27, or SEQ ID NOS:25 and 27[[.]]; and
the oligo-nucleotides in the third pair of primers are, respectively, SEQ ID NOS:12 and
14, or SEQ ID NOS:13 and 15.

5. (Currently amended) The set of nucleic acids of claim 4, further comprising:
a ~~third~~ fourth pair of primers containing, respectively, oligo-nucleotides SEQ ID NOs:1 and 3, SEQ ID NOs:2 and 3, or SEQ ID NOs:1 and 4;
a ~~fourth~~ fifth pair of primers containing, respectively, oligo-nucleotides SEQ ID NOs:8 and 10, SEQ ID NOs:8 and 11, or SEQ IN NOs:9 and 11;
~~a fifth pair of primers containing, respectively, oligo nucleotides SEQ ID NOs:12 and 14, or SEQ ID NOs:13 and 15;~~
a sixth pair of primers containing, respectively, oligo-nucleotides SEQ ID NOs: 16 and 18, or SEQ ID NOs:17 and 19; or
a seventh pair of primers containing, respectively, oligo-nucleotides SEQ ID NO:20 and 22, or SEQ ID NOs:21 and 23,
or a combination thereof.

6. (Original) A set of nucleic acids comprising:
a first nucleic acid obtained from amplification of a respiratory syncytial virus nucleic acid template with a first pair of primers, each containing an oligo-nucleotide selected from the non-structural protein 2 gene region;
a second nucleic acid obtained from amplification of an influenza virus A nucleic acid template with a second pair of primers, each containing an oligo-nucleotide selected from the non-structural protein gene region; or
a third nucleic acid obtained from amplification of an influenza virus B nucleic acid template with a third pair of primers, each containing an oligo-nucleotide selected from the hemagglutinin-neuraminidase gene region,
or a combination thereof,
wherein each oligo-nucleotide has 14-40 nucleotides in length.

7. (Original) The set of nucleic acids of claim 6, wherein
the oligo-nucleotides in the first pair of primers are, respectively, SEQ ID NOs:12 and
14, or SEQ ID NOs:13 and 15;
the oligo-nucleotides in the second pair of primers are, respectively, SEQ ID NOs: 16 and
18, or SEQ ID NOs:17 and 19; and
the oligo-nucleotides in the third pair of primers are, respectively, SEQ ID NOs:20 and
22, or SEQ ID NOs:21 and 23.

8. (Original) The set of nucleic acids of claim 7, further comprising:
a fourth nucleic acid obtained from amplification of a human parainfluenza virus 1
nucleic acid template with a fourth pair of primers, said fourth pair of primers containing,
respectively, oligo-nucleotides SEQ ID NOs:1 and 3, SEQ ID NOs:2 and 3, or SEQ ID NOs:1
and 4;
a fifth nucleic acid obtained from amplification of a human parainfluenza virus 2 nucleic
acid template with a fifth pair of primers, said fifth pair of primers containing, respectively,
oligo-nucleotides SEQ ID NOs:5 and 7, or SEQ ID NOs:6 and 7;
a sixth nucleic acid obtained from amplification of a human parainfluenza virus 3 nucleic
acid template with a sixth pair of primers, said sixth pair of primers containing, respectively,
oligo-nucleotides SEQ ID NOs:8 and 10, SEQ ID NOs:8 and 11, or SEQ IN NOs:9 and 11; or
a seventh nucleic acid obtained from amplification of an adenovirus nucleic acid template
with a seventh pair of primers, said seventh pair of primers containing, respectively, oligo-
nucleotides SEQ ID NOs:24 and 26, SEQ ID NOs:24 and 27, or SEQ ID NOs:25 and 27;
or a combination thereof.

9. (Currently amended) A set of nucleic acids comprising:
a first nucleic acid containing a first oligo-nucleotide selected from the non-structural
protein 2 gene region of respiratory syncytial virus, or
~~a second nucleic acid containing a second oligo-nucleotide selected from the non-structural protein gene region of influenza virus A, or~~
a ~~third~~ second nucleic acid containing a ~~third~~ second oligo-nucleotide selected from the
hemagglutinin-neuraminidase gene region of influenza virus B,
or a combination thereof,
wherein each nucleic acid has 20-1,000 nucleotides in length.

10. (Currently amended) The set of nucleic acids of claim [[9]] 27, wherein each
nucleic acid has 20-500 nucleotides in length.

11. (Original) The set of nucleic acids of claim 10, wherein each nucleic acid has 20-
50 nucleotides in length.

12. (Currently amended) The set of nucleic acids of claim [[9]] 27, wherein each
oligo-nucleotide is selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs:40-52 and sequences
complementary thereto.

13. (Original) The set of nucleic acids of claim 12, wherein each nucleic acid has 20-
500 nucleotides in length.

14. (Original) The set of nucleic acids of claim 13, wherein each nucleic acid has 20-
50 nucleotides in length.

15. (Original) The set of nucleic acids of claim 12, further comprising a nucleic acid containing an oligo-nucleotide selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs:28-39, 53-57, and sequences complementary thereto, wherein each nucleic acid has 20-1,000 nucleotides in length.

16. (Original) The set of nucleic acids of claim 15, wherein each nucleic acid has 20-500 nucleotides in length.

17. (Original) The set of nucleic acids of claim 16, wherein each nucleic acid has 20-50 nucleotides in length.

18. (Withdrawn) A method of simultaneously detecting viruses which cause respiratory infections comprising:

providing a nucleic acid from a sample suspected of containing a virus to be detected; amplifying the nucleic acid with a set of primers specific for a group of target viruses, said set of primers containing a first pair of primers, each having an oligo-nucleotide selected from the hemagglutinin-neuraminidase gene region of human parainfluenza virus 2, and a second pair of primers, each having an oligo-nucleotide selected from the hexon gene region of adenovirus, each oligo-nucleotide having 14-40 nucleotides in length; and

detecting amplification products;

whereby detection of an amplification product specific for a target virus indicates the presence of the target virus.

19. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 18, wherein, in the amplifying step, said set of primers further containing:

a third pair of primers, each including an oligo-nucleotide specific for human parainfluenza virus 1,

a fourth pair of primers, each including an oligo-nucleotide specific for human parainfluenza virus 3,

a fifth pair of primers, each including an oligo-nucleotide specific for respiratory syncytial virus,

a sixth pair of primers, each including an oligo-nucleotide specific for influenza virus A, or

a seventh pair of primers, each including an oligo-nucleotide specific for influenza virus B,

or a combination thereof.

20. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 19, wherein the oligo-nucleotides in the third pair of primers are selected from the hemagglutinin-neuraminidase gene region of human parainfluenza virus 1,

the oligo-nucleotides in the fourth pair of primers are selected from the hemagglutinin-neuraminidase gene region of human parainfluenza virus 3,

the oligo-nucleotides in the fifth pair of primers are selected from the non-structural protein 2 gene region of respiratory syncytial virus,

the oligo-nucleotides in the sixth pair of primers are selected from the non-structural protein gene region of influenza virus A, and

the oligo-nucleotides in the seventh pair of primers are selected from the hemagglutinin-neuraminidase gene region of influenza virus B.

21. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 18, wherein
the oligo-nucleotides in the first pair of primers are, respectively, SEQ ID NOs:5 and 7,
or SEQ ID NOs:6 and 7; and
the oligo-nucleotides in the second pair of primers are, respectively, SEQ ID NOs:24 and
26, SEQ ID NOs:24 and 27, or SEQ ID NOs:25 and 27.

22. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 21, wherein said set of primers further
containing:

a third pair of primers including, respectively, oligo-nucleotides SEQ ID NOs:1 and 3,
SEQ ID NOs:2 and 3, or SEQ ID NOs:1 and 4;

a fourth pair of primers including, respectively, oligo-nucleotides SEQ ID NOs:8 and 10,
SEQ ID NOs:8 and 11, or SEQ IN NOs:9 and 11;

a fifth pair of primers including, respectively, oligo-nucleotides SEQ ID NOs:12 and 14,
or SEQ ID NOs:13 and 15;

a sixth pair of primers including, respectively, oligo-nucleotides SEQ ID NOs: 16 and 18,
or SEQ ID NOs:17 and 19; or

a seventh pair of primers including, respectively, oligo-nucleotides SEQ ID NO:20 and
22, or SEQ ID NOs:21 and 23;

or a combination thereof.

23. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 18, wherein the detecting step includes
hybridizing the amplification product to a set of probes, said set of probes containing:

a first probe having a first nucleic acid selected from the hemagglutinin-neuraminidase
gene region of human parainfluenza virus 2, and

a second probe having a second nucleic acid selected from the hexon gene region of
adenovirus,

each probe having 20-2000 nucleotides in length.

24. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 23, wherein each nucleic acid is selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs:34-36 and 53-57.

25. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 19, wherein the detecting step includes hybridizing the amplification product to a set of primers, said set of probes contains:
a first probe having a first nucleic acid selected from the hemagglutinin-neuraminidase gene region of human parainfluenza virus 2, and

a second probe having a second nucleic acid selected from the hexon gene region of adenovirus;

said set of probes further contains:

a third probe having a third nucleic acid specific for human parainfluenza virus 1,
a fourth probe having a fourth nucleic acid specific for human parainfluenza virus 3,
a fifth probe having a fifth nucleic acid specific for respiratory syncytial virus,
a sixth probe having a sixth nucleic acid specific for influenza virus A, or
a seventh probe having a seventh nucleic acid specific for influenza virus B,
or a combination thereof;

each probe having 20-2000 nucleotides in length.

26. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 25, wherein each probe is selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs:28-57.

27. (New) The set of nucleic acids of claim 9, further comprising a third nucleic acid containing a third oligo-nucleotide selected from the non-structural protein gene region of influenza virus A.